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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON
PETITIONS REQUESTING WAIVER OF VARIOUS FILING DEADLINES RELATED
TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM**

CC Docket No. 96-45

Comment Date: February 15, 2005

Reply Comment Date: February 22, 2005

Interested parties are invited to comment on petitions recently filed by the following telecommunications carriers seeking waivers of various filing deadlines associated with the receipt of universal service support pursuant to the Commission's rules.

Petitioner	Rule	Date Filed
North Dakota Limited Partnership	47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314	11/12/04
ACS Wireless, Inc.	47 C.F.R. §§ 54.307(c), 54.313(d), and 54.314(d)	12/16/04
Valor Telecommunications of Texas, L.P.	47 C.F.R. § 54.802(a)	12/23/04
MCI, Inc. and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc.	47 C.F.R. § 54.802(a)	1/7/05
Centennial Cellular Tri-State Operating Partnership, Centennial Randolph Cellular, LLC, Elkhart Metronet, Inc., Mega Comm, LLC, Michiana Metronet, Inc., South Bend Metronet, Inc.	47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d)	1/18/05
Mississippi Public Service Commission	47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d)	1/21/05
Centennial Cellular Tri-State Operating Partnership and Centennial Claiborne Cellular Corp.	47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d)	1/21/05

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before **February 15, 2005**, and reply

comments on or before **February 22, 2005**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.¹

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form ." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appear in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail).

The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002.

- -The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners.
- Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.
- All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Parties also must send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B540, Washington, D.C. 20554. **Parties are also requested to send a courtesy copy of their comments via email to:** gina.spade@fcc.gov and thomas.buckley@fcc.gov. In addition, commenters must send diskette

¹ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20054.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are permitted subject to disclosure. A copy of this Public Notice will be sent by the Wireline Competition Bureau to the relevant state commissions.

For further information, contact Thomas Buckley, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400, TTY (202) 418-0484.